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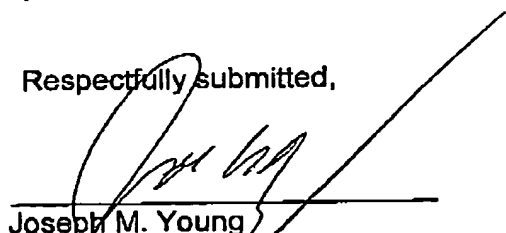


Response

In follow-up to the interview between examiner and applicants on June 9, 2006, below is a summary of that interview. Applicants filed their response to the office action on June 15, 2006, without the interview summary.

Applicants' representative was unclear on how Spicer anticipated the final limitation of claim 9. The Examiner responded by stating that he felt the limitation was inherent in the Spicer patent. Applicants' representative disagreed and stated that he would file a written response to the rejection as it stood.

Respectfully submitted,



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